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1. ARGENTINE TRADE UNION LEADERS HAVE TWO MAJOR ISSUES
THEY WISH TO TAKE UP WITH THE ICFTU
DELEGATION WHOSE VISIT IS EXPECTED SOME TIME WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FIRM INFOR-
MATION ON THE TIMING OR COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION.

2. THE FIRST ISSUE IS A RESOLUTION OF THE "ARGENTINE SEAT"
RESIGNATION AS NATIONAL HEAD OF THE COMMERCIAL
EMPLOYEES CONFEDERATION HAS LED TO A MOVE IN THE
"COMMITTEE OF FIVE" -- THE SORT OF PROVISIONAL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DELEGATED BY THE "COMMITTEE
OF TWENTY FIVE" NATIONAL TRADE UNION SECRETARIES
GENERAL TO REPRESENT THE ARGENTINE LABOR MOVEMENT
IN ITS DEALINGS WITH FRATERNAL, LABOR MOVEMENTS
ABROAD -- TO ASK THE ICFTU TO ACCEPT GARMENT
WORKER ENRIQUE MICO AS CARRANZAS REPLACEMENT
ON THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD. MICO, A MEMBER OF THE

COMMITTEE OF FIVE (REPRESENTATIVE THE SO CALLED "PARTICIPATIONISTS") HAS THE BACKING OF THE OTHER TWO "ANTIVERTICALISTS" IN THE COMMITTEE OF FIVE, PAPER WORKER LEADER DONAIRES AND POSTAL WORKER LEADER BALDASSINI. DONAIRES PARTICULARLY IS PUSHING FOR MICOS NOMINATION -- SOME SAY BECAUSE MICO, A NONENTITY HIMSELF, CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO DONAIRES BIDDING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE "VERTICALIST PERONISTS", WHO ARE THOUGHT TO CONTROL AT LEAST NINE SEATS IN THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTYFIVE, TAKE THE VIEW THAT SINCE CARRANZA WAS A COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEE LEADER, THE COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEES CONFEDERATION SHOULD SELECT A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FROM THEIR OWN UNION. THE SCENARIO AS SEEN BY SOME WOULD INCLUDE CARRANZAS TRAVELLING TO THE ICFTU BOARD MEETING IN HAMBURG IN MAY TOGETHER WITH HIS DESIGNATED ARGENTINE SUCCESSOR FOR AN ORDERLY, DIGNIFIED CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FURTHER, CARRANZA SECRETLY PINES TO HANG ONTO HIS ICFTU TITLE -- AT LEAST UNTIL HIS MANDATE EXPIRES NEXT YEAR. FRISO CAN EXPECT TO BE BOMBARDED FROM ALL SIDES ON THIS ISSUE WHEN HE ARRIVES HERE.

3. THE SECOND ISSUE CONCERNS CASILDO HERRERAS POSITION AS A WORKER VICE PRESIDENT IN THE ILOS GOVERNING BODY, WHICH EXPIRES IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. THE ARGENTINES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM REPLACED BY ANOTHER ARGENTINE. ACCORDING TO THIRD PARTIES, BALDASSINI IS A CANDIDATE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD THIS CONFIRMED BY BALDASSINI HIMSELF.

4. ACCORDING TO AIFLD TROUBLE SHOOTER JULIO ETCHEVERRY, ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY KERSTEN RECENTLY SENT BALDASSINI A NOTE REQUESTING PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR THE ICFTU IN ARGENTINE, TO WHICH THE ARGENTINES HAVE NOT RESPONDED.
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